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Local airline Tiara still in business! Tiara Air employees applaud government initiative



ORANJESTAD -- Tiara Air has received a solution for their rather precarious situation. The government of Aruba has intervened and the company has been saved a shutdown. Employees of Tiara Air are applauding the efforts of the government which did their maximum to help these employees' employer.

Mr. Fernando Gomez an employee of 7 years with Tiara Air indicated that they are extremely pleased that the government intervened and

helped solve the problem.

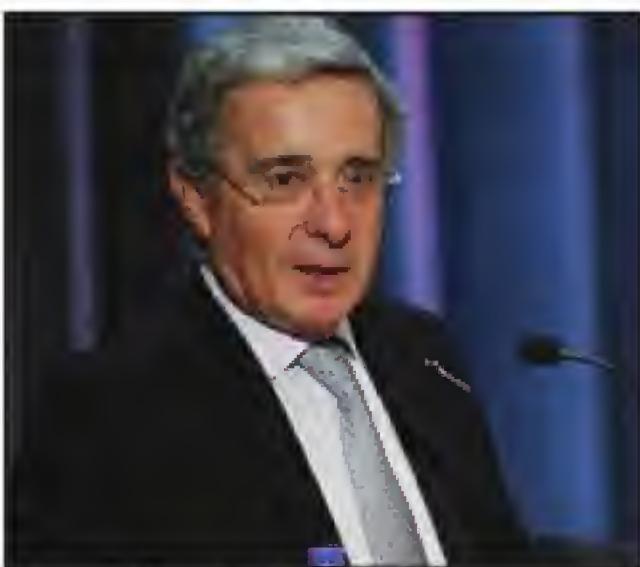
The situation with Tiara Air has nothing to do with the airline itself but is a situation of an external matter. According to Fernando Gomez, for most of the employees the situation was an unpleasant one in view of the fact that they have their obligations and responsibilities and a shutdown would have been disastrous for them.

According to Gomez, Tiara Air has a very special group of employees who understand the situation and

would never strike but will simply continue working. They realize that to stop work will only compound the problem and incur grave consequences for our tourism. They are motivated to continue serving our visitors with the very best service.

As employee of Tiara Air, Fernando Gomez expressed, on behalf of all employees, their appreciation for the manner in which the government stepped in to help solve the situation.

Uribe plot would 'destroy' peace talks: Colombia gov't



Alvaro Uribe

BOGOTA (AFP) - The alleged assassination plot by Colombia's FARC rebels against ex-president Alvaro Uribe is "unacceptable" and will "destroy" efforts towards negotiating peace, the chief government negotiator said Wednesday.

"A scenario like that is absolutely unacceptable. This scenario will completely destroy the viability of the process," said Humberto de

la Calle, a former vice-president, in a Bogota forum.

The remarks come one day after Colombia said it was tightening security following the discovery of a FARC rebel plot to murder Uribe, who has been a vehement critic of the peace talks.

"If in Havana, we talked about tolerance, about pluralism, the FARC should have brought guarantees of non-aggression," de la Calle said.

"We shouldn't forget that the goal of these talks is for the threats to disappear from the face of Colombia," he emphasized.

For the past year, the government of President Juan Manuel Santos and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or the FARC, have

been holding peace talks in Cuba aimed at ending Latin America's longest-running insurgency.

The discussions, which so far have only resolved two of the five key points on the agenda, are set to resume November 18 to tackle the question of drug-trafficking. The two sides must also still resolve questions on compensation for victims and disarmament.

Uribe, now 61, waged a fierce war against the FARC during his presidency from 2002 to 2010, reducing Colombia's largest leftist rebel group by half and confining it to remote areas of the country.

After leaving office, he split bitterly with Santos, his former defense minister and successor, for trying to make peace with the rebel group and for mending relations with neighboring Venezuela.

Obama security pick vows 'common-sense' immigration reform



Jeh Johnson

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama's nominee to head the Department of Homeland Security vowed on Wednesday to implement "common-sense" immigration reform if his appointment is confirmed.

Speaking before a hearing at the US Senate, Jeh Johnson said he wanted to see reforms that offered "a clear path to earned citizenship in this country."

Johnson, the former general counsel at the Pentagon, was grilled extensively by Republican Senator John McCain during the hearing.

Mccain threatened to oppose Johnson's nomination unless he provided a detailed breakdown of how he would achieve border security.

Mccain requested "the exact metrics that are needed, sector by sector, so that we can maintain 90 percent effective control of the border."

While vowing to "pledge transparency and candor with Senate," Johnson declined to engage in the question without first obtaining all the relevant information.

Johnson, who will be the fourth Homeland Security Secretary if his appointment is confirmed, meanwhile spoke about how the September 11, 2001 attacks had shaped his views.

"September 11 changed me," Johnson said. "I know

the shock and the potential for death and destruction that a breach of our homeland security can cause."

Despite an interruption by demonstrators, Johnson meanwhile insisted "interrogation of terrorism suspects has been a gold mine for us."

He warned that the threat from Al-Qaeda and its affiliates had entered a new "more diffuse" phase, noting that self-radicalization was "equally dangerous but harder to detect."

Speaking broadly about his role, Johnson said he would seek a balance between achieving security and respecting "privacy and civil liberties."

The Department of Homeland Security is responsible for maintaining border controls and protecting the United States from attacks. It is also responsible for responding to natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes or major fires.

The department, created in the wake of the 9/11 attacks, had been directed for the past 4.5 years by Janet Napolitano, a former governor of Arizona, who left the government to lead the University of California system.

Napolitano and her two predecessors, Tom Ridge and Michael Chertoff, called on the Senate to quickly confirm Johnson.

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accessory for a special new outfit—but no more! The Susebeek family, headed by Dianand and his wife Marline, welcomed friends to their spanking new Nautique Outlet on Tuesday evening to reveal an astounding and outstanding selection of costume jewelry, clutches, wallets and hair accents that will surely provide a perfect match to enhance



that special ensemble. The couple's sons, Stephen and Samil were on hand for the opening, welcoming the curious who were rightfully impressed with size and diversity of their remarkable selection.

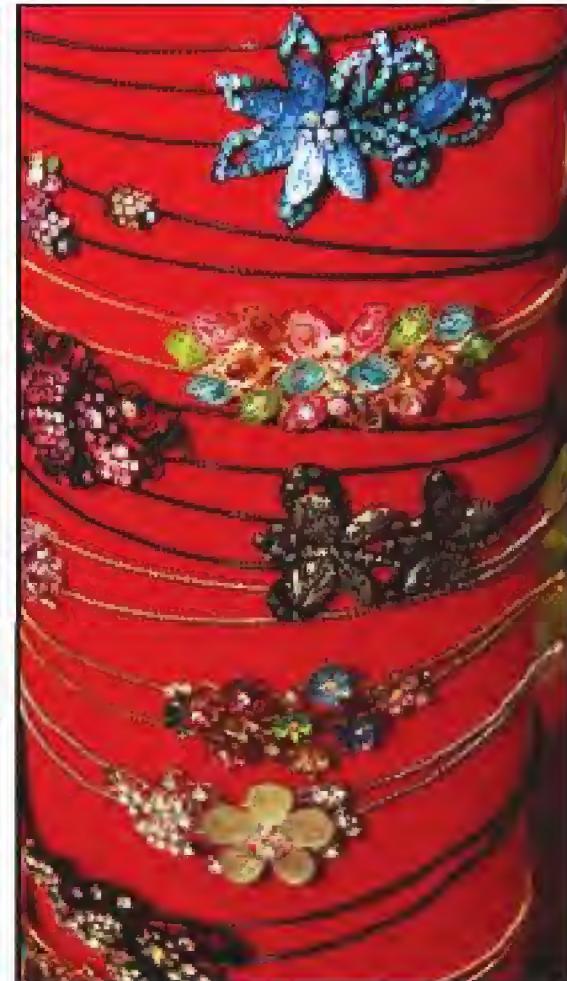
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By Rosalie Klein

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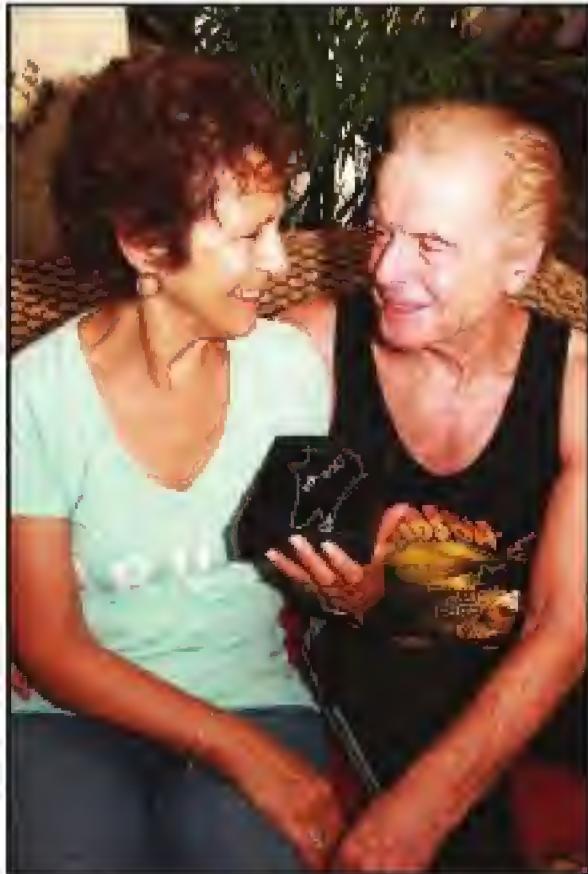
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A sparkling golden anniversary on Aruba for the Slavins



Gorgeous anniversary gifts

ring. "He is two years older and was visiting some friends in the school yard, when I walked out one day," she recalls. "Though we had been at the same school together, we didn't know each other until then."

"It was pretty much love at first sight," admits John, "from the very first time I met Carol, I was smitten."

The couple has enjoyed a full life of happiness and wedded bliss blessed with three sons, and began vacationing on Aruba in 1984, to celebrate 20 years together. They purchased a timeshare at the Aruba Beach Club during that visit, and have regularly made it the spot for their anniversary celebration, returning 15 times over the years.

Carol received two stunning jewelry ensembles for as her golden anniversary gift, both purchased at their favorite spot on the island, the Sparkles shop in Paseo Herencia Mall. "Every year

ORANJESTAD -- Thirty years after celebrating their twentieth anniversary with their first visit to Aruba, Carol and John Slavin of Pelham, New Hampshire have again commemorated a landmark moment on the island they love best of all.

Carol and John enjoyed a favorite ritual to celebrate fifty years of wedded bliss, a dinner with their "extended Aruba family" the friends they have made sharing the beach with over the years, at the French Steakhouse in the Manchebo Beach Resort, which they describe as a 'guaranteed great meal.'

It is hard to believe when looking at them that they have been together for 50 years, and Carol admits they were "childhood sweethearts," married when she graduated high school. In fact, her graduation gift from John was an engagement

we stop by to chat with Roger and Juhi, the owners, they are such warm, charming people, and we always end up buying something," explains Carol.

"They are so gracious, they surprised us with a cake during our anniversary party," offers John. "We happen to mention we would be dining at one of our favorite standbys. Lo and behold, at the end of the meal out comes the waiter with this beautiful cake and lovely note from Roger and Juhi. We couldn't have been more pleased. We have to say, all the people we have come to know on Aruba have been so kind and thoughtful in all our dealings. That is why it is our favorite place to vacation."

THE MORNING NEWS wishes John and Carol many more happy years of nuptial joy and visiting Aruba. We look forward to reporting on their diamond jubilee anniversary!

By Rosalie Klein

Royal Jump-up promises to be an historic event



ORANJESTAD -- Reportedly, the "Sport en Spel" activity to be held during the visit of the Royal Couple, will go down in our history books as a historic event bringing more school children together in one activity than ever before. The person in charge of this tremendous activity, dubbed, Royal Jump-up, is Edgar Erasmus.

Erasmus expects around 4500 school children to participate in the Royal Jump-up activity. Preparations around the entire organization is intense. Different commissions, such as the Police, transportation are involved. All of these children must be accommodated in one sport complex. A special map has been prepared with three drop-off points around the area of the stadium where the children will arrive.

In view of the large number of children, they chose to

allow the games to concentrate on 3 sections. "Sport en Spel" will take place inside and outside the stadium. They will have music to move by while the jump-up will continue in the stadium. Before this activity there will be another activity which the children will do together.

The Royal Jump-up will consist of "estafette-vorming," (special formations), twister games and other games played with balls. There will also be the famous sack jumping game.

The goal of these activities is to see our children enjoy themselves and see our Royal couple from close up.

Also, important to note that in view of the large number of children, the Guillermo Prospero Trinidad Stadium will not be able to accommodate other persons in the stadium, hence will be closed to the public.

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Dutch authorities probe Miley Cyrus smoking stunt

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch authorities have launched an investigation into whether a smoking ban was violated after US pop star Miley Cyrus lit up what appeared to be a joint on stage during the MTV music awards in Amsterdam.

"We received complaints about smoking which was also seen on television. We have to investigate," Tjisse Mastenbroek of the National Food and Consumer Authority (NVWA) told AFP on Tuesday.

Publicity-seeking Cyrus, 20, lit up what appeared to be

a cannabis cigarette on stage during Sunday night's MTV European Music Awards live show at the Ziggo Dome after accepting the Best Video award for her hit single "Wrecking Ball."

Cyrus took what seemed to be a half-smoked joint out of her Chanel bag and lit it up inside the venue which can hold up to 17,000 people.

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Athletes from Colegio Arubano participate in a community project



ORANJESTAD -- A group of athletes, with cyclists and runners among them, in conjunction with other students of Colegio Arubano, made a commitment to create new and improved trail markings in the Arikok National Park.

That commitment is part of the Good4theNeighborhood initiative supported by Aruba Bank. The G4N proj-

ect, has been going on since 2010, encouraging students to work in teams, in order to nurture leadership and creativity, with the main objective of involving the island's youth in one or more projects that our community may benefit from.

The group of athletes from Colegio Arubano consists of individuals who are dedi-

cated to the sport of cycling and running, and it includes the following members:

- Xavier Boekhoudt and Jonathan Croes, in charge of Project Management & Sponsorship

- Jair Kelly and Benay Stacia, in charge of Public Relations and Communication

- Michelle van Vliet & Gabriel Thiellman, in charge of Operations

- Kylian Balkestein and Cherley van der Linden, in charge of Data Editing and Graphic Design

- Siep ten Thije and Chester Hill, in charge of Material Processing.

The team is being guided by the following school teachers: Janelle Vlaun, Lucille Kock, Pamela Postuma, Albee Fernandes, Toon Kokx,

Francisco Croes, and the general coordination of the project by Zaida Everon.

The project, titled "Trails for Life", would specifically mark and erect signs on the trails used by walkers and bike riders, so that they can make better directional choices when exercising or walking recreationally. The project will entail the following tasks:

- Inventory and grade all existing trails;

- Analyze the natural elements and special characteristics of each;

- Create signs with indicators that follow international guidelines;

- Install the signs on new and existing trails;

- Adapt the trail map at Arikok National Park and hang a large board clearly in-

dicating all trails, at the entrance.

The athletes involved in the project would like to thank Aruba Bank for the opportunity to contribute to the G4N initiative and applaud the goals behind it, allowing the youth of this island to contribute to a community project. The group is currently finalizing preparations and will soon start the execution of the project in the field, which will take place in November. The group will keep the island of Aruba informed on the development of this important plan via its Facebook page: TRAILS FOR LIFE.

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"Family First" Foundation opens their doors in Savaneta



ORANJESTAD — Foundation Family First officially opened their, 'Family Success Center' Savaneta opposite the Olympic Pool on Thursday morning, November 7. Island Media was introduced to Board of Directors consisting of President Annelies Schoop, Maria Bareiro and Diana Subaran. Jennie Lion Sjin Tjoe is the General Director and Thea Quammie comprises the regular staff.

Jennie Lion Sjin Tjoe explained their vision. "Based on the fact that the family is the cornerstone upon which a healthy society is built, we at Family First have a plan to make a positive contribution in how to deal with the challenges which various families on Aruba are confronting. In this way we will accomplish our vision: "Healthy Families for a Prosperous Aruba".

The Family First Mission is to establish consultation centers in various districts of Aruba. Staff will offer training, information, services, help and support to families and individuals in difficulty, which will stimulate and direct them to a vision of a better, healthier, stable future, firmly united, as a family.

Their ultimate goal is to see family members restored to a healthy interdependence. They are working with several NGO's which address particular problems, such as addiction, abuse, illness and disabilities. The issues will be addressed in a manner so as to develop a plan of success for their all the family, aid them in discovering their unique talents, potential and purpose through the change of atmosphere in their homes. Once they have been helped and healed, they will be able

to become a voice and assist in the promotion of healthy and strong families, thus becoming agents of change who contribute to the society.

For the past nine months, Family First has been successfully guiding 30 local families who are receptive to the concept and expressed the desire to resolve their present state of life and improve their familial bonds.

Ms. Jennie Lion Sjin Tjoe concluded by saying: "What is the price that we can put on a healthy childhood or stable marriage? What are we willing to contribute to help families who have lost hope of being healed and reaching their potential? Today we and several other foundations come together, each one of us contributing and to a part of this noble work; we of Family First sincerely appreciate and acknowledge the fruitful efforts of the individual organizations. Thank you for accepting us!!

We believe that collaboration is essential to serve our community effectively. Together we can help families who have lost hope of healing to reach their potential and thus take our nation to another level....A Prosperous Aruba!"

Family First urges families with issues to contact them at their headquarters at Savaneta 334 for guidance and assistance. Staffers encourage all those concerned for their future and that of their children to become part of this sustainable movement. Contact information is: www.familyfirstaruba.org, Email: info@family-firstaruba.org or Tel. 584-2555.

By Rosalie Klein

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Sta. Theresita Center preparing Expo and Debate for King Willem-Alexander



ORANJESTAD -- George Goedgedrag is in charge of the daily management of the Sta Theresita Center in San Nicolaas. He has explained about the renovations currently taking place. They have already painted the place and now they are concentrating on the interior and changing ceilings. They calculate that the work should be completed a few days before the arrival of the Royal couple.

The Center is expected to play an important role during the visit of the Royal couple on Aruba on the 20th and 21st of November.

On the first day of the visit, King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima will have an

encounter with young people of Aruba at the Center. The two events: Expo and Debate are dubbed, "Show The King" and will be concentrated on young people between 14 and 24 years of age.

The "Show The King" expo will be held in the open area of the Center. Young people between 14 and 24 years may participate. They can take pictures with cell phones and send these together with a description of their vision for Aruba in the next 20 years (based on their pictures).

These can be sent via showthekingaruba@gmail.com. The last day to send pictures is November 11th. The winner will get 5 minutes to explain to King Willem-

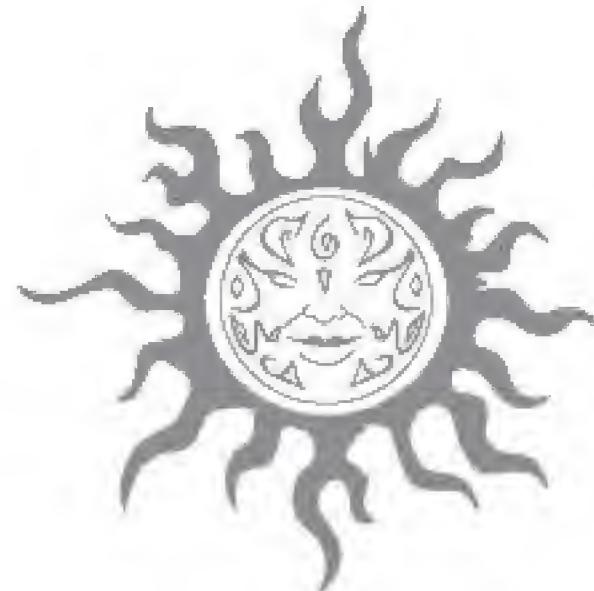
Alexander and Queen Maxima their vision, according to Julianne Paskell, coordinator of the event.

According to Tracey van der Biezen, coordinator of the youth debate, the primary objective of the debate is to show the King that young people of Aruba are creative, innovative and have a vision for the future of our island.

They chose 5 young people from our Youth Parliament and the University of Aruba to participate in the debate. At the end they will choose 8 young people to participate in two groups of four each. The two groups will debate in the presence of the Royal couple what is their vision for Aruba. At the end they must submit a synergy plan to the Royal couple, says Tracey van der Biezen.

In this event to take place on the 20th of November at the Sta Theresita Center, all participants of the Expo will be part of the general public during the debate. The Royal couple requested to have encounters with persons of all generations and this is what the Commission is preparing.

For more information visit their website at www.bishitareal2013.aw.



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Obama calls on US to aid storm-ravaged Philippines

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama on Wednesday encouraged Americans to donate money to support aid for survivors of Super Typhoon Haiyan which ripped through the Philippines, destroying life, property and infrastructure.

Obama bemoaned the "awful destruction" of the typhoon, one of the most powerful on record, and directed Americans to the White House website where they could link up with aid organizations working to alleviate the suffering.

"Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the people of the Philippines as they mourn so many loved ones

and neighbors lost in the awful destruction of Typhoon Haiyan," Obama said.

"The friendship between our two countries runs deep, and when our friends are in trouble, America helps," Obama said in a statement.

"With so many families and communities in the Philippines in urgent need of food, water, shelter and medicine, even small contributions can make a big difference and help save lives."

US officials meanwhile voiced optimism that American assets including cargo planes and versatile Osprey aircraft would help bring help to victims still cut off by the

storm.

The USS George Washington carrier and other Navy ships are steaming towards the ally and Washington has committed \$20 million, roughly half for food and the rest to prevent diseases in the wake of the Typhoon.

"I would say we are cautiously optimistic that we are starting to turn a corner on some of the logistics challenges," a US official told reporters on a conference call.

The Philippines faced a daunting task after the typhoon struck last week, with supplies piling up at the small airport in the flattened city of Tacloban.



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Brazil demands explanation over US spying on IMF

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Brazil called an unscheduled meeting of the International Monetary Fund executive board Wednesday to discuss reports that the United States spied on the institution, the country's IMF representative told AFP.

"A meeting was held on my request... I wanted to have some explanations," said Brazil's executive director at the IMF, Paulo Nogueira Batista.

Nogueira Batista would not divulge what was said at the meeting, citing the directors' obligation to keep their

discussions confidential.

But the meeting was the first public sign from the institution of anger over reports that the US National Security Agency had extended its massive efforts to spy on both US rivals and allies to the IMF and the World Bank.

According to news reports late last month, citing unnamed US officials, President Barack Obama ordered the NSA to end its electronic surveillance of the two global financiers.

But the White House officially has not acknowledged that it spied on them.

Tina Turner giving up US citizenship: report

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Rock and soul music diva Tina Turner, who's lived in Switzerland for nearly two decades, is giving up her US citizenship, the Washington Post reported Wednesday.

Citing a report from the US embassy in Bern, it said Turner, 73, signed a statement to relinquish her US citizenship at the embassy in October.

She married German record producer Erwin Bach in July, three months after taking Swiss citizenship.

Turner topped the charts in

the 1960s with then-husband Ike Turner with hits like "River Deep, Mountain High," before a successful run as a solo artist that included "Private Dancer" in 1984.

Quoting a "knowledgeable source," the Post said relinquishment is simpler than renouncing US citizenship -- and entails no tax or other penalties.

The United States is one of the few countries that requires its citizens who live permanently abroad to declare and pay income tax.



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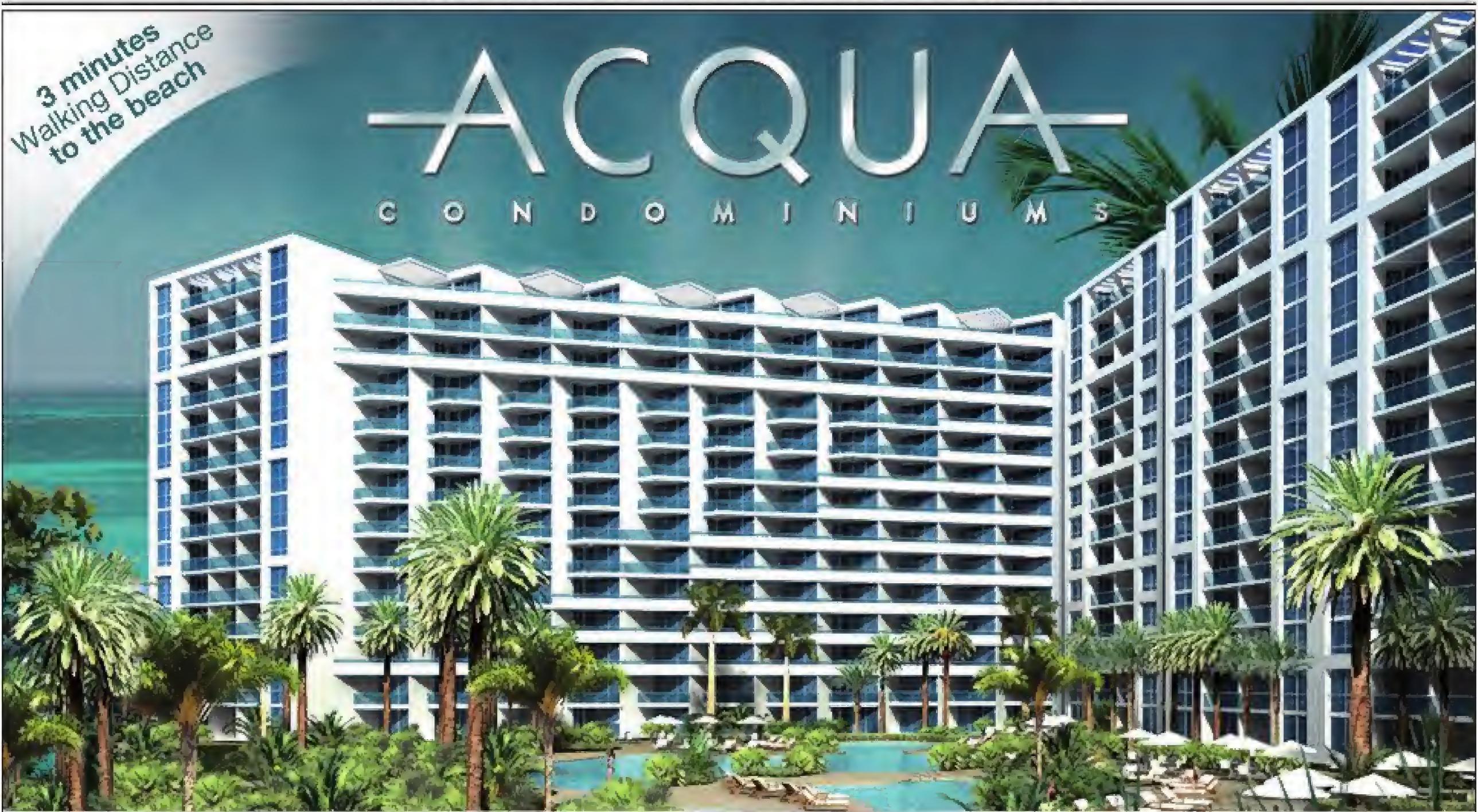
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French, Dutch far-right leaders discuss European alliance

THE HAGUE (AFP) - French far-right leader Marine Le Pen travelled to The Hague on Wednesday to discuss forging closer ties with Dutch anti-Islamic leader Geert Wilders ahead of next year's European elections.

Le Pen was met by Wilders, who heads the Party for Freedom (PVV), at the Dutch parliament before attending a parliamentary debate.

"Welcome to the Netherlands," Wilders said in French, adding in English: "Nice to see you again."

Known for his platinum-blond hair and anti-Islamic views, Wilders announced Le Pen's visit last month, saying they would explore an alliance ahead of next May's European Parliament elections, seeking to profit from popular unhappiness because of the financial crisis.

Both Le Pen's National Front (FN) in France and Wilders' PVV have said they would like to unite eurosceptic rightwing parties, essentially to undermine the European



Union from the inside.

In order to form a rightwing anti-European bloc, Wilders and Le Pen would have to find likeminded politicians in at least a quarter of the EU's 28 member states and see 25 members elected to the 766-seat European Parliament.

If they become an official European political group, then they would benefit from subsidies, offices, a communication budget, seats on committees and speaking time in parliament proportional to their number.

Wilders warned last month that "parties such as the FN

and the PVV could make the europhile elite sing a different tune."

There is already a eurosceptic group called the Europe of Freedom and Democracy (EFD), led by Nigel Farage of Britain's UK Independence Party, but it only has 32 seats.

A Le Pen-Wilders far-right alliance could include the Alternative for Germany (AfD), Belgium's Vlaams Belang, Italy's Northern League and the Freedom Party of Austria.

Rightwing parties in eastern Europe, including Hungary's Jobbik and Slovakian, Bulgarian and Romanian nationalist

parties are excluded because of their perceived racism.

Farage's UKIP has in turn excluded joining the alliance, considering some of Wilders's policies too extreme.

The PVV lost out in a Dutch general election in September 2012, with its seats almost halved to 13, but the party has been riding high in opinion polls, largely thanks to anti-EU policies.

Le Pen and Wilders have many similar policies, from immigration to protectionism, but Wilders reportedly wanted to keep his distance because of the anti-Semitism of Le Pen's father, FN founder Jean-Marie Le Pen.

Le Pen in turn is banking on Wilders's pro-Israel stance to buff up her own international image, an analyst told Dutch daily NRC Next.

Le Pen, currently a member of the European Parliament, and Wilders had lunch in Paris in April, after which Le Pen said she was "perhaps less radical" than Wilders on Islam.

While she fights against

Islam's presence in public life in France, "I have nothing against Islam in itself," she said in an interview in September.

Wilders, who was acquitted of inciting hatred of Muslims in mid-2011, has in the past likened Islam to Nazism and the Koran to Hitler's "Mein Kampf".

Le Pen, who was first elected to the European Parliament in 2004, won 18 percent of the vote in the first round of France's presidential election in April 2012, the party's highest-ever score.

Wilders tweeted last week that the Dutch parliamentary speaker Anouchka van Miltenberg, a member of Prime Minister Mark Rutte's Liberal VVD party, declined to welcome her to the Lower House.

However, Van Miltenberg's spokeswoman said the speaker "only welcomes guests invited by parliament. Le Pen is not a guest of parliament but of Wilders."

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Only 100,000 'select' Obamacare plans in October: official

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Just over 100,000 people enrolled in the new US Obamacare health plan in its first month, and fewer than 27,000 made it through a faulty federal sign-up website, the government said Wednesday.

The figure of 106,185 registrations represents only 1.5 percent of the estimated total sign-up for the plan by the end of the enrollment period at the end of March, the Health and Human Services Department said.

The figures were released amid a furious political row over Obamacare, with Republicans branding it a failure and the White House desperately trying to repair the federal website that was expected to process the bulk of applications under the new law.

"We can reasonably expect these numbers will grow substantially over the next five months," said Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

The site Healthcare.gov is "getting better, it is getting better every day," she added.

The 106,185 figure includes nearly 80,000 people who have signed up through state based exchanges and only 26,794 people who have enrolled through the federal website, the figures showed.

Enrollment was always expected to be slow in the first month of Obamacare as customers shopped around for plans and lacked urgency given the final deadline for signing up is at the end of March.

But the October figure was well below the reported half a million number that was reportedly targeted by the administration in the first month.

Johnson & Johnson Said to Agree to \$4 Billion Settlement Over Hip Implants



device, known as the Articular Surface Replacement, or A.S.R., removed and replaced with another artificial hip, said the lawyers who spoke about the agreement only on the condition of anonymity.

Under the deal, each patient would receive about \$350,000 on average in compensation, though that figure will vary depending on factors like a patient's age and medical condition.

The precise value of the settlement is unclear because lawyers for patients are still trying to estimate how many of the 12,000 related lawsuits involve patients who had a replacement. Lawyers believe that number may be 7,000 to 8,000 cases.

The final cost of the deal to Johnson & Johnson could rise, depending on how many claimants who received the device undergo replacement operations in the future, the lawyers said. Under the plan, patients who have not had a replacement would not receive compensation, the lawyers said.

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Compound kills drug resistant bacteria: study

PARIS (AFP) - Scientists Wednesday unveiled a drug combination that destroys antibiotic-resistant germs in mice, potentially opening a new front against chronic and relapsing infections in humans.

Big Pharma had been closely interested in a compound dubbed acyldepsipeptide (ADEP), only to drop it when some germs became resistant to it.

But scientists in the United States reported that, when used alongside conventional antibiotics, ADEP proved to be a relentless killer.

The combination "completely sterilised" bacteria in a Petri dish and in mice whose thighs had been severely infected, said Lewis.

Humans rely on antibiotics to fight off a vast array of bacterial diseases, from tonsillitis to tuberculosis.

But antibiotics do not work for all types of bacteria, and in some types where they are effective, germs are evolving worryingly into forms that are resistant to the drug.

Some infections are caused by biofilms -- slimy collections of bacterial cells that coat infected areas and block out the immune system, according to a podcast by Nature, accompanying the study in the British journal.

While antibiotics can penetrate those biofilms, they fail to clear up the infection because of so-called "persister cells".

These are hibernating cells within the biofilm that stop dividing or growing and shut down their metabolism.

The dormant cells are the main cause of chronic and relapsing bacterial infections, since conventional antibiotics can target only actively growing bacterial cells.

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Android smartphones dominate, Windows gains: survey

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Google's Android platform was used on four out of five smartphones sold worldwide in the third quarter, while Microsoft's Windows Phone showed strong gains, said a survey out Tuesday.

Android's market share rose to 81 percent, extending its lead over Apple's iOS, used on its iPhones, according to the IDC survey. Android's share a year ago was 74.9 percent.

Even though iPhone sales grew 25.6 percent from a year earlier, the growth was slower than the overall market and Apple's share fell to 12.9 percent from 14.4 percent in the same period last year.

Windows Phone emerged as the number three smartphone platform with a market share



of 3.6 percent, up from two percent a year earlier.

Windows Phone sales grew 156 percent, with more than 90 percent made by Nokia, the Finnish group whose handset division is set to be acquired by Microsoft.

BlackBerry, meanwhile, saw its troubles deepen, as its market share fell to 1.7 percent from 4.1 percent a year ago. BlackBerry sales fell 41.6 percent from a year ago despite the introduction of the new BlackBerry 10 operating system.

The overall market for smartphones grew 39.9 percent year-over-year in the quarter, to 261 million units.

The average sales price of a smartphone fell 12.5 percent in the quarter to \$317, IDC said.

"Android and Windows Phone continued to make significant strides in the third quarter. Despite their differences in market share, they both have one important factor behind their success: price."

fected by weak sales ahead of the introduction of two new iPhone models in September, at the end of the quarter. But it sold nine million of the new devices in the first weekend, suggesting a strong fourth quarter, IDC said.

IDC said larger devices called phablets accounted for 21 percent of the smartphone market, up from three percent a year ago.

Motorola unveils the affordable Moto G



Motorola has thrown down a gauntlet to its smartphone competitors with the launch of the Moto G — the company's second handset to appear since its acquisition by Google in 2012. Earlier this year saw the introduction of the well-received Moto X, but only (so far) in the Americas: today's London launch event (with a live video feed from São Paulo in Brazil) was the first glimpse in Europe of the fruits of the Google-Motorola partnership. Starting at a SIM-free price of £135 (€169, \$179) with 8GB of storage, the new Moto G slots in at the entry level of Google's Android handset portfolio, with the recently launched Nexus 5 (£299 / €349 / \$349 for 16GB) as the flagship.

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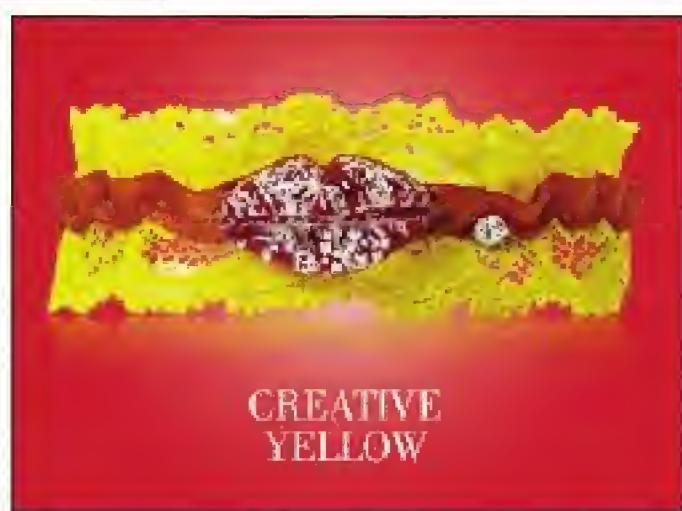


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PARIS (AFP) - Bob Dylan on Wednesday collected a French award he nearly missed out on because of his pot-smoking and protesting past.

The veteran US singer, 72, received the Legion d'Honneur in a ceremony in Paris.

He had been nominated for the award by avowed Dylan fan Aurelie Filippetti, France's minister of culture.

The nomination was blocked temporarily earlier this year after army general Jean-Louis Georgelin, the Grand Chancellor of the Legion, voiced reservations about Dylan's use of cannabis and anti-war politics.

Established by Napoleon, the Order of the Legion d'Honneur honours individuals who



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European stock markets extend losses

LONDON (AFP) - European stock markets retreated yesterday, extending the previous day's losses on eurozone strains and speculation that the US Federal Reserve could shortly begin withdrawing its economic stimulus, traders said.

London's FTSE 100 benchmark index tumbled 1.44 percent to 6,630 points as traders took a drop in unemployment and a statement by the Bank of England that Britain's economic recovery "has finally taken hold" as a sign that interest rates will rise sooner than expected.

Frankfurt's DAX 30 slid 0.24 percent to 9,054.83 points and the CAC 40 in Paris dropped 0.56 percent to 4,239.94 points.

Milan tumbled 1.43 percent and Madrid lost 0.33 percent.

ETX Capital trader Ishaq Siddiqi said that "continued Fed tapering woes curb enthusiasm for risk so traders are hesitant about putting all their chips on the table".

CMC Markets trader Toby Morris added: "Some investors are also beginning to turn their heads more to the potential deflation risk in the eurozone."

"Should deflation risk continue to hit headlines, the ex-

pectation would be money flows out of equities and back into the protection of bonds."

In a surprise move last week, the ECB shaved a quarter of a percentage point off its central refinancing rate to a historic low of 0.25 percent, amid concerns that slowing inflation in the euro area could turn into a vicious cycle of falling prices.

Eurozone industrial output, a key measure of manufacturing activity, turned lower in September, falling 0.5 percent from August when it rose 1.0 percent, official data showed on Wednesday.

With third-quarter growth data due Thursday, the September reading for the 17-nation eurozone is in line with other recent figures suggesting only a very modest recovery.

In London, official data out Wednesday showed Britain's unemployment rate had fallen to a four-year low point, putting pressure on the Bank of England to raise its record-low interest rate sooner than expected.

Unemployment in Britain dropped to 7.6 percent in the three months to September from 7.7 percent in the quarter ending in August, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said.

Britain's economic recovery has meanwhile "finally taken hold", the Bank of England said yesterday as it upgraded its growth forecasts despite headwinds from the eurozone debt crisis.

"It seems the days of rock-bottom interest rates may be coming to an end sooner than initially anticipated, and the London equity market is off over 1 percent as a result," said market analyst David Madden at IG brokerage.

The Bank of England, under new head Mark Carney, does not plan to raise its main interest rate from its record-low level of 0.50 percent at least until Britain's unemployment rate falls to seven percent, under a so-called "forward guidance" policy.

While Carney said when taking office in July that he didn't see rates rising for three years, Madden said it appears the forward guidance criteria may be met within 18 months.

That sent the British pound sharply higher, rising by 0.66 percent to 1.1916 euros and to \$1.6032.

The euro yesterday rose to \$1.3462 from \$1.3434 late in New York on Tuesday. The dollar slipped to 99.26 yen from 99.63 yen.

On the London Bullion Market, the price of gold fell to \$1,272.50 an ounce from \$1,281.25 on Tuesday.

Asian stock markets fell yesterday following losses in New York, while investors were also unimpressed with the lack of clarity in an economic reform plan from China's leadership, traders said.

Expectations are meanwhile growing that the Federal Reserve could start tapering its \$85-billion-a-month asset purchase, or quantitative easing (QE), program next month or in January.

US stocks were mostly lower on continued uncertainty on when the US Federal Reserve may scale back its bond-buying program.

US oil output passes imports for first time since 1995

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Oil production in the United States surpassed its oil imports for the first time in nearly two decades in October, the government said yesterday.

Helped mainly by production from newly-tapped shale-based reserves, domestic output hit 7.7 million barrels a day last month, a 24-year high.

Oil imports, long seen as a strategic and economic vulnerability for America, sank well below that figure to a 17-year low, according to the Energy Information Agency.

The last time US output surpassed imports was February 1995, when domestic demand was surging while production continued to slowly decline, the EIA said. The onset of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, has al-

lowed drillers to unlock reserves in hard-to-exploit shale strata and brought on a rapid climb in production of both oil and natural gas.

The shift has taken the US reliance on imported oil to less than 40 percent of domestic consumption, compared to more than 60 percent at the peak of import dependence in 2005.

The EIA forecasts imports will make up only 28 percent of consumption in 2014, the lowest level since 1985.

The White House heralded the shift as a success of its energy and conservation policies.

US 10-year Treasury fetches 2.75% yield

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Treasury sold \$24 billion in 10-year bonds yesterday at a high yield of 2.75 percent, up from 2.66 percent in the October auction.

The Treasury said 62.67 percent was allotted at the high yield.

The bid-to-cover ratio was 2.7, with direct bidders taking up 18.56 percent of the issue and indirect bidders getting 47.67 percent.

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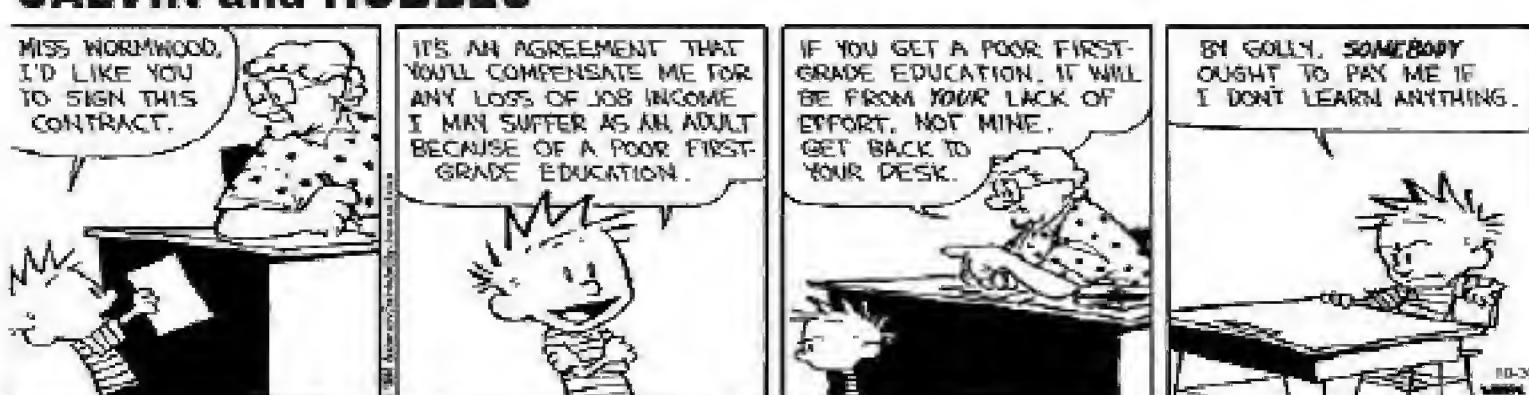
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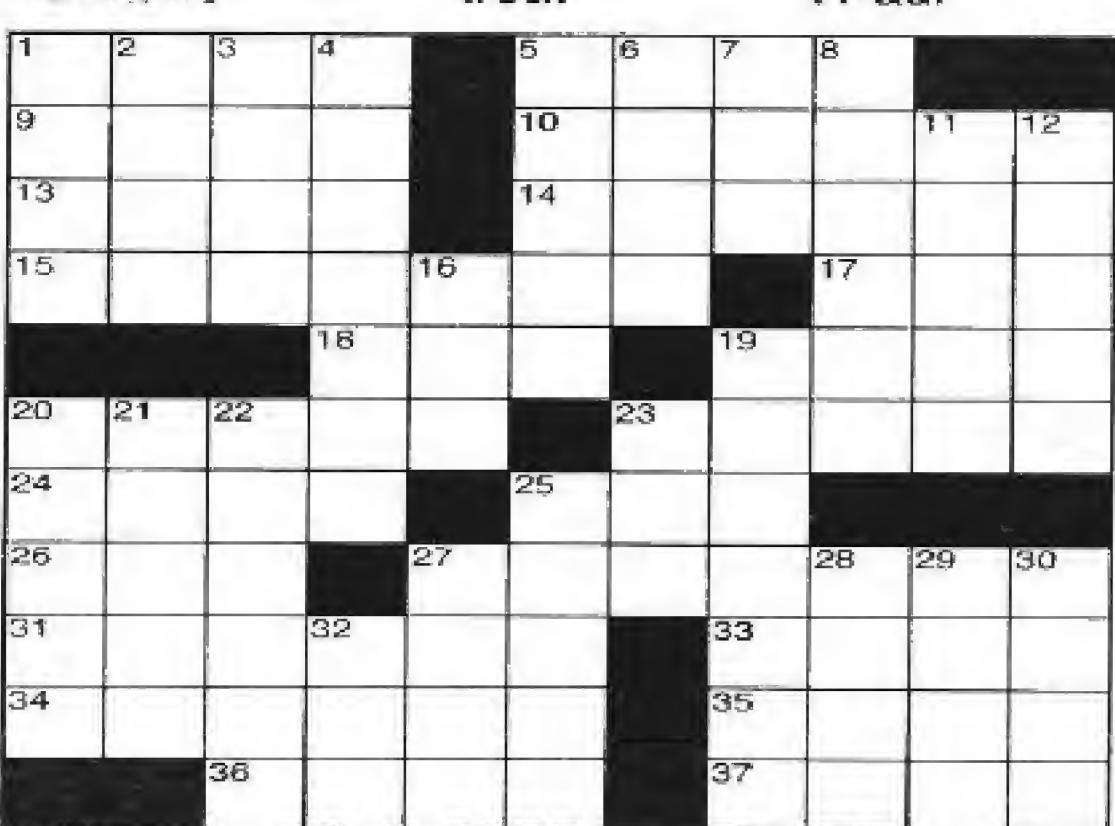
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Johannesburg to introduce tombstone alarms



JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - From early next year Johannesburg authorities will allow the installation of security devices on tombstones, in a bid to curb theft, officials said.

Alan Buff, who oversees the city's cemeteries said a deal has been entered into with a private company that will install microchip transmitters into tombstones.

The system is designed to detect movement and trigger off sirens.

"Then we will be able to immediately locate the area where a tombstone has been moved and we will be able to track it down," Buff told AFP.

"It's like your car tracking device," he said.

An SMS will be sent to the family of the deceased to notify them of any tampering with the tombstone.

"Obviously there's a lot of emotional connotation that goes with it," said Mark

Pringle director of Memorial Alert, the South African company that has the patent for the world's first tombstone security technology.

The system will detect even the slightest of movements, such as the shifting of a vase.

Families of the deceased can choose to install the alarm, at an as yet undisclosed cost.

"We have kept affordability in mind," said Pringle.

The city's 36 public cemeteries currently have perimeter sensors and are patrolled by security guards, yet on average between 15 and 20 marble or granite tombstones are stolen a month.

Along with the new technology, it will also be possible for families to take out insurance against theft and vandalism of tombstones.

Pringle said theft from cemeteries was not only unique to South Africa but was a worldwide problem.

'50 Shades' film delay after actor switch

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The release of the movie version of erotic best-seller "Fifty Shades of Grey" has been postponed until 2015 after the original male star pulled out, filmmakers said Wednesday.

Industry daily Variety said that Universal, which is making the film with Focus Features, has fixed the release for February 13, the day before Valentine's Day.

The film's Facebook page changed its cover photo to read February 2015, instead of the planned August 1, 2014 release of the movie based on the international book phenomenon.

Spiced up with sadomasochism, the 2011 novel "Fifty Shades of Grey" was the first part of a trilogy about a relationship between a college graduate, Steele, and young business magnate Grey.

Universal Pictures and Focus Features acquired the rights to the trilogy -- which also included "Fifty Shades Darker" and "Fifty Shades Freed" -- in March 2012.

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World sports bodies welcome stricter anti-doping rules

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Global sporting bodies voiced wide support for more stringent punishment of athletes who use banned performance-enhancers as they discussed revised rules at a conference Wednesday.

Delegates welcomed longer bans for athletes caught doping intentionally, which will pass from two years to four when the new anti-doping code comes into effect in 2015.

But surprisingly powerful global athletics body the IAAF called for even harder crackdowns on culprits, signalling "clean" athletes frustrations that dopers sometimes go free amid low numbers of abnormal tests.

FIFA backed four-year bans, but said doping risks were lower with fewer possible drugs and the global footballing body's extensive screening programmes.

For the past three years FIFA has built up biological passports of sportsmen -- a database of tests which helps to detect deviations outside normal levels in each individual.

The football body will continue to do this for the World Cup in Brazil next year, flying samples to Lausanne in Switzerland after WADA revoked the accreditation of the



laboratory in Rio da Janeiro.

American anti-doping agency USADA was also in favour of stringent punishments, a year after it handed a lifetime ban to fallen cycling hero Lance Armstrong.

Proportionality was the big word, with debates around if the punishment fit the crime.

The International Skating Union (ISU) was a lone voice that worried four years would be too long and could end an athlete's career prematurely.

It also worried that trying to enforce such a ban would undermine the authority of WADA and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

At the other end of the scale the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) thought the new measures did not go far enough.

Athletes got off too easily if they claimed accidental doping or admitted to the deed after being caught out. In such cases the ban will be reduced to two years.

Less than one percent of doping checks give an abnormal result, though tests have jumped from 150,000 a year to 250,000 since WADA's creation 14 years ago.

The conference is due to ratify the code on Friday, and governments and federations will have a year to change their rules accordingly.

The meeting will also confirm its new president at the end of the week.

Scotsman Craig Reedie, an International Olympic Committee deputy president, is the only candidate and his appointment is seen as a formality.

Formula One: Perez announces departure from McLaren

LONDON (AFP) - Mexican Formula One driver Sergio Perez announced on Wednesday he is to leave the McLaren team after an unsuccessful season in which his best result was fifth in the Indian Grand Prix.

The 23-year-old, who is likely to be replaced by McLaren's Danish test driver Kevin Magnussen, has garnered just 35 points in his

maiden season with them while team-mate Jenson Button has accrued 60 in what has been a hugely disappointing campaign for the stable.

McLaren are without a win or even a podium position this year and are heading towards their worst season in modern times as the team heads to the United States this weekend.

Perez, who earned his move to McLaren to replace

Button's fellow former world champion Lewis Hamilton on the back of impressive performances last season for Sauber with three podium finishes, expressed his gratitude to McLaren and said he was only sorry he had not been able to succeed in his goals for them.

"I will always be a fan of McLaren. In the meanwhile I will be looking at my future to ensure my position in the best possible package to fight for wins," he wrote in his letter announcing his departure and posted on his Twitter account.

Perez, who it was thought would be kept on because of the return next year of the Mexican GP, added he would do his utmost to get the best possible results for McLaren in the remaining two races in America and Brazil.

McLaren team principal Martin Whitmarsh thanked Perez for a statement he described as "kind and gracious", as well as "for being a fine team member during the 2013 Formula One season."

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AMMAN (AFP) - Jordan's Mohamad Shatnawi (R) is challenged by Uruguay's forward Edinson Cavani (C) during the Uruguay the FIFA 2014 World Cup qualifier (intercontinental play-off 1st leg) football match against Jordan at the International Stadium yesterday in the Jordanian capital. Uruguay won 5-0.



LAGOS (AFP) - Burkinabe cyclists prepare to participate in ECOWAS International Cycling Tour in Lagos yesterday. The third ECOWAS international Cycling Tour has flagged off from Lagos and will pass through five West African countries, Nigeria, Benin, Togo, Ghana and terminate in the Ivory Coast on November 17. The tour will pass through five West African countries, Nigeria, Benin Republic, Togo, Ghana and terminate in the Ivory Coast on November 17. The race will cover a total distance of 450 kilometres across a terrain that has challenging conditions including bad roads, scorching heat and strong winds. The tour was initiated by the 15-member ECOWAS heads of state to further the ECOWAS ideals of regional integration and free movement.

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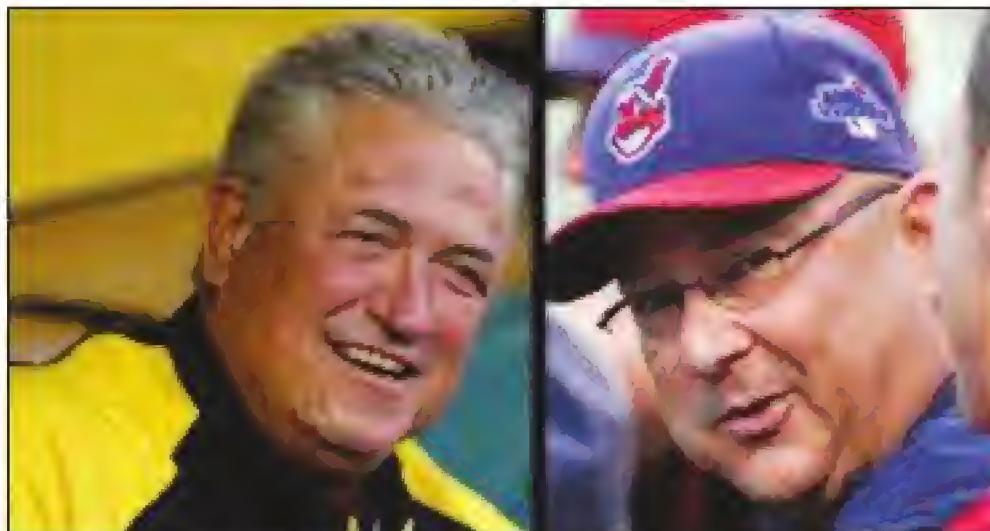
Baseball: Hurdle, Francona named year's top managers

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Clint Hurdle, who guided the Pittsburgh Pirates to their first playoff berth since 1992, and Cleveland's Terry Francona were named Major League Baseball's Managers of the Year in voting revealed on Tuesday.

A media panel voted on both awards, with Francona getting the nod after his club won its final 10 games of the regular season to reach the playoffs, becoming the first Indians' manager to claim the honor since Eric Wedge in 2007.

Francona did not win the award in 2004 or 2007, seasons when he guided the Boston Red Sox to their first World Series titles since 1918.

Hurdle captured the National League award, becoming the first Pirates bench boss



so honored since Jim Leyland in 1992, after Pittsburgh won 94 games, taking his three-year mark with the long-moribund club to 245-241 since his arrival in November of 2010.

Hurdle's enthusiasm helped inspire a young squad. He matched former Chicago Cubs manager Dale Sveum with the most ejections of any major league manager this season with six.

But he also installed confidence in a young squad that

slowly built a season such as had not been seen by US Steel-town fans in two decades.

"Sometimes you've got to believe in things other people can't see," Hurdle said.

Los Angeles Dodgers manager Don Mattingly finished second with Atlanta's Fredi Gonzalez third in NL voting. Oakland's Bob Melvin and John Farrell of 2013 World Series champion Boston were the other AL finalists.

NHL: Struggling Sabres sack coach, general manager

BUFFALO (AFP) - The Buffalo Sabres sent their coach and general manager packing and Wednesday brought back ex-coach Ted Nolan to try to salvage their 2013-14 NHL season.

Sabres owner Terry Pegula fired both general manager Darcy Regier and head coach Ron Rolston on Tuesday night and on Wednesday named former Sabres great Pat LaFontaine as president of hockey operations and Nolan as interim head coach.

The move comes just after the Sabres edged the Los Angeles Kings 3-2 in a shoot out on Tuesday to avoid matching the worst home start in NHL history.

Nevertheless the Sabres are just 4-15-1 and have the fewest points in the NHL with nine.

Rolston was in his first season as the full-time head coach. He took over on an in-

terim basis last February after Lindy Ruff was sacked.

Nolan was Buffalo's head coach for two seasons from 1995-97 before Ruff had his stellar run of 15 years as head coach.

Nolan guided the Sabres to a record of 73-72-19, taking a team that finished fifth in its division in 1995-96 to first place the following year.

Regier took over as Sabres' general manager in 1997 and decided not to renew Nolan's contract. Nolan, 55, didn't find another NHL head coaching job until 2006-07 with the New York Islanders, where he spent two seasons.

Overall, Nolan has a record of 147-140-19-21 as an NHL head coach. He has been coaching the Latvian national team since 2011 and will still guide the European nation at the Winter Olympics at Sochi, Russia, in February.

Baseball: Cano, Kuroda, Choo among 13 to reject club offers



fers to second baseman Cano, outfielder Curtis Granderson and Kuroda.

Among the others turning down the deal were Cincinnati outfielder Choo and St. Louis Cardinals slugger Carlos Beltran.

The players can sign with any club. But their original club will receive a pick between the first and second rounds of next year's player draft as compensation should a player sign with another team.

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Football:
Bayern post record sales of 433 mn euros



BERLIN (AFP) - Bayern Munich said Wednesday its record-breaking year on the pitch also set a financial record, with the club posting 432.8 million euros (\$582 million) in sales.

The team scored its first treble in its 113-year history, winning Europe's Champions League, a 23rd German championship and the DFB Cup.

"Complementing our sporting success, we can also be very proud of our commercial performance," finance director Jan-Christian Dreesen was quoted as saying in a statement.

It is the first time the club has exceeded 400 million euros in sales, a feat which has only been achieved by Manchester United, Real Madrid and Barcelona.

Bayern said its group operating profit, including Allianz stadium, rose 11 percent to 95.6 million, with net profit jumping 30 percent to 14.0 million euros.

Dividends to share holders will also be a record 8.25 million, or 30 cents per share.

NFL: Two-time Super Bowl winner Christensen dies

SALT LAKE CITY (AFP) - Former NFL tight end Todd Christensen, who won two Super Bowls with the Raiders, died on Wednesday due to complications from surgery, the Salt Lake Tribune reported.

The newspaper reported that Christensen, who was 57, had battled liver disease and other illnesses in recent years.

Christensen was a star running back at Utah's Brigham Young University from 1974-77.

In the NFL, he was one of the league's leading pass-

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catching tight ends and spent most of his career with the Raiders, both in Los Angeles and after they moved to Oakland in 1982.

He was a five-time Pro Bowl selection as a Raider and won Super Bowl titles with the team after the 1980 and 1983 seasons.

He twice led the league in receptions, first in 1983 with 92 and again three years later with 95. Christensen finished his NFL career with 461 catches for 5,872 yards with 41 touchdowns in 137 games.

After his playing days, Christensen worked as a broadcaster, covering the NFL for NBC and more recently covering college gridiron for the Mountain West Sports Network.

